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Dear Ms. Dixon,

1 I am very concerned about the proposal to transport radioactive wastes from around the United States and store them underground at Yucca Mountain in Nevada. While I realize that the storage of radioactive wastes anywhere is very dangerous and that there is no easy solution to this problem, transporting them on roads and/or rails throughout the country seems especially dangerous. Accidents happen on all roads and rails in all kinds of circumstances with tragic results. An accident with radioactive material would be catastrophic.

Also, I am not convinced that Yucca Mountain is the best choice for storing these materials for ... for forever. Yucca Mountain is in an active earthquake zone. The consequences of geological activity at a site holding all the accumulated radioactive wastes generated by the entire United States since the first use of nuclear power are the stuff of which disaster movies are made.

2 I sincerely hope that this proposal will be reconsidered. Given the importance of this issue, any decision should be based on the recommendations of the most knowledgeable people in the fields of study involved here and not be political at all. Is this possible?

Sincerely,

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